Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Tillila Rufina Eisenbraun was born on October 24, 1917, to Henry and Fredrika Eisenbraun, one of six children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Tillila married Robert A. Denke at Creighton, South Dakota, on January 7, 1937, and to this union seven children were born: Darlene, Joyce, William, Luella, Glenn, Eileen, and Paul, and their lives were further blessed with nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, In 1947, Tillila and Robert moved to Wall where Tillila continues to reside, and is known around town as the "motorcycle lady"; and,

Whereas, Tillila has been an active member of First Lutheran Church of Wall, a member of Exchange Club, and is considered the backbone of her family as a "Can Do Dakota Woman"; and,

Whereas, Tillila will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on October 20, 2007, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State